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In re Application of: Ş Matthias Brunner Š š Group Art Unit: 2829 § Serial No.: 10/518,780 00000000 Confirmation No. 3146 Examiner: B Velez Filed: June 18, 2003 For: CONTROL DEVICE HAVING IMPROVED TESTING PROPERTIES Ş

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Preliminary Amendment is filed with a Request for Continued Examination and is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated October 25, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 25, 2008. Please enter this Preliminary Amendment and reconsider the claims pending in the applications for reasons discussed below. The Request for Continued Examination Transmittal provides the Commissioner with authority to charge the Applicant for the required fees. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-20-0782/ZIMP/0014/KMT, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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